



Philly Select Baseball League Handbook

League Mission & Expectations

The goal of the **Philly Select Baseball League** is to provide a competitive summer baseball atmosphere between teams and organizations with like-minded principles. For this reason, organizations were chosen based on their competitiveness on the field, their organizational stability as well as their reputations in the baseball community.

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League Contact Information

- **League Address**
Philly Select Baseball
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 - **Website / Social Media**
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League Fees and Team Expectations/Requirements ●

League fees for the 2026 season cover the following:

- Philly Select League expenses, including all post-season expenses
- Neutral site field locations
- Baseballs for league games
- Umpire costs
- Web site hosting and maintenance costs
- League administration
- All-Star Games
- Each team can secure field time for their home games. Teams providing their own field for home games will get a credit of \$75 per game taken off their league fees.
- All league fees must be paid prior to the first day of the season. Any teams that have not paid will have their games canceled until they are paid in full.

League Web Site

- The league web site is located at phillyselectbaseball.com

- Team rosters and league schedules will be posted on the site, along with a link to each team’s official web site and social media accounts

- **In-Season Site Maintenance** - The site will be updated daily during the season with the latest game results, standings, stats, etc. Updates are dependent on the teams submitting their scores to the league in a timely fashion.

- **GameChanger** will be a requirement for all league games

- **Off-Season Site Maintenance** - The web site will be maintained periodically during the off-season based on need (preparation for the upcoming season, league history archives, etc.)



Game Cancellations & Rescheduling Policy

- In situations where the game is being played on a neutral site, league officials are responsible for communicating with both teams and the umpire association if there are any weather related cancellations
- For situations where the game is being hosted by one of the league teams, the **home team** is responsible to contact their opponent as well as league officials. League officials will then communicate the cancellation with the umpire association.
- **Rainouts & Other Game Day Cancellations** - All rainouts and other game day cancellations must be **called or texted in** at least 2 hours prior to game time – otherwise, umpires are paid. Whether you call or text, you must provide the age group & league (i.e. Philly Select 14U) along with the date, time and field of the game being rained out.
- **Game day cancellations are NOT confirmed** until you receive word back from the league that they received the message
- **Reschedules** – All reschedules MUST be in writing (via e-mail) to the appropriate umpire organization, with a CC to the league office (info@phillyselectbaseball.com). Please include the age group & league (i.e. Philly Select 13U), original game date, new date, field, time, home and visiting team when requesting a reschedule.
- If a team needs to cancel a game for non-weather related reasons, they must contact their opponent **more than a calendar week** prior to the game. Additionally, a make-up date MUST be agreed upon prior to cancellation. Failure to follow these rules may result in a forfeit for the team that needs to cancel.

Roster Rules & Limitations

- For 2026, there is no maximum number of players on a team's roster
- If a team cannot field enough players for a game, they are able to temporarily add age-eligible players **from within their organization** to compete in that given game. Advance notice to the league and the opposing team is required in this scenario.
- **Dual Rostering**
 - Organizations can dual roster up to 4 players per team
 - Players may appear on no more than 2 league rosters (one team at each age level).
 - Example – a player can appear on both a team's 13U and 14U league roster. However, that same player could not be on the roster of another 13U or 14U team, nor would he be eligible to be on ANY 15U/16U roster (or other age groups)
 - Players may **ONLY** be dual rostered on 2 teams within the same organization
 - For organizations with multiple teams in a specific age group, those rosters must remain separate. Players cannot be dual-rostered on two teams in the same age group
 - Dual rostered players cannot be adjusted after the final rosters are turned in
 - **To be eligible for postseason play**, players must have appeared in a minimum of 20% of the team's regular season league games or pitched 10 innings in league play.
- **Tampering**
 - Once rosters are turned in, players are locked on their team unless an official release (in writing) is submitted to the league from either the head coach or GM of the team.
 - We will treat other league's rosters as if they are our own. No tampering with other players in our leagues or other comparable leagues.



- o We are promoting the Philly Select Baseball Leagues as first-class organizations and expect the teams in our league to act within those principles.
 - When having tryouts and recruiting players for the following season, please refrain from having contact with players whose season is not yet complete.

Baseball Requirements

- The league will provide Rawlings baseballs to the teams at the beginning of the season to use for game balls
- In the postseason, the league will provide baseballs for all contests

2026 Season Dates

Age Group	Start Date	End Date	Rain Makeups	Playoff Dates
13U & 14U	5/26/26	7/19/26	7/20/26 - 7/22/26	7/23/26 - 7/30/26
15U	6/1/26	7/23/26	7/24/26 – 7/25/26	7/26/26 - 7/31/26
16U & 17U	6/15/26	7/30/26	7/31/26 – 8/2/26	8/3/26 – 8/7/26

Scheduling Requirements

- The number of league games will vary by division. This will be communicated directly to the teams.
 - o 13u & 14u: 16 Games
 - o 15u: 16 Games
 - o 16u & 17u: 12 Games
- Tournament games **CANNOT** be counted as one of your originally scheduled contests. However, tournament games **CAN** be used as valid reschedules for rainouts. **The league must be notified by both teams in advance** that a tournament game will be used as a league make-up to prevent any potential issues.
- Philly Select Baseball League games should take precedence over non-league contests when it comes to scheduling. Teams should not attempt to reschedule an originally scheduled league game to play in a non-league contest.
- League games postponed due to weather (or other circumstances) must be made up no later the end date for the respective age group
 - o All teams should leave the rain makeup dates open on their schedule. These dates will be used as last resort rainout dates for games that are unable to be rescheduled during the regular season. If necessary, games will be played in the morning and afternoon on the rain makeup day to ensure all necessary reschedules are completed.
- *Any non-played games by the final makeup date will be evaluated by the board and a determination made on how those games are counted in the standings. Likely a minimum of X games played with win percentage used for final standing determination*
 - o **NOTE:** Teams who fail to complete their league schedule (outside of unforeseen circumstances) are at risk of losing their spot in future year’s leagues. Whether your team is in the playoff hunt or not, you owe it to the league to play your schedule to its completion. Please note – any issues with individual teams can impact an entire organization.



Score Reporting

- GameChanger will be the system of record for all league games

Post-season Playoff Qualification

Age Group	# of Divisions	Playoff Qualifiers
All		All teams will qualify for playoffs

Postseason Tiebreakers

- Tiebreakers for **seeding** are as follows:
 - Head-to-head record
 - Overall runs allowed in league games
 - Overall runs scored in league games

Postseason Playoff Details

- The league will supply fields, baseballs, and umpires for all playoff games
- Teams will be seeded #1 - #X within each division based on regular season finish. The first round of the playoffs will be play in games with top seeds getting a bye.
- The quarterfinal and semifinal rounds will be single game, loser out contests, with the final two teams competing in a single game to award a champion.
- Each division of the Philly Select Baseball League will have a perpetual trophy, which they get to keep for their Organization
- The league champion will get their team name added and will get to keep the league trophy until the conclusion of the following season
- Each division's specific playoff dates are listed in the important season dates table referenced earlier in the handbook. A complete playoff schedule will be distributed to the teams during the season.
- There is the distinct possibility of afternoon games during the postseason; please plan accordingly

Coaches Attire & In-Game Guidelines

- Coaches are encouraged to be in uniform for Philly Select League regular and postseason contests. The expectations are that coaches will wear a team issued hat, a team related top (jersey, jacket, sweatshirt) and either baseball pants, athletic shorts or pants
- Coaches are NOT restricted to the dugout during play. If the umpires feel they are in harm's way, they can require the coaches to move either in the dugout or further away from a batted ball.

Game Rules (Regular Season & Post-Season)

- Any game rules not covered in this section will defer to the NFHS & PIAA Rule Book



- League games are 7 innings in length. If the game is tied after 7 complete innings, extra innings should be played to determine a winner. Extra innings are the international rules starting with a runner on 2B. (the last batted out or a substitute player)
- **Each game will be played with NO time limit for single games and a time limit of no new inning after 2 hours for Double Headers.** If there is a need to have a stricter time limit on a game (lights go out at a certain time, another game following), the home team should discuss this at the pregame plate meeting.
- The home team is responsible for providing baseballs for each league contest - balls will be distributed to the teams at the beginning of the season for use in league games
 - Exception - during the league playoffs, the league will supply the balls
- **Mercy Rule** - There will be a **10-run** mercy rule after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead). There are NO other mercy rules in place – all other league & tournament run rules DO NOT APPLY to Philly Select Baseball League contests
- **Lineup Rules** - The batting lineup is as follows:
 - **13u, 14u, & 15u:** There is no limit to the batting lineup. If you are going to bat 9 or 10 the following rules apply below
 - **16u/17u:** The batting lineup will consist of 9 or 10-11 hitters. Use the following rules pertaining to a DH and EH
- **Designated Hitter (DH)** – High school designated hitter rule – you are eligible to DH for anyone in the lineup. If you choose to enter your designated hitter into the field, the player he was hitting for must be removed from the lineup.
- **Extra Hitter (EH)** – The extra hitter is permitted during league play. The following rules apply:
 - The EH is just an additional player in the batting order that can move into and out of the field on defense freely. Consider the EH the 10th defensive position.
 - Use of the EH is optional and must be declared on the official lineup card submitted to the umpires prior to the game.
 - If a team starts the game with an EH (10 players in the lineup), it must finish the game with an EH. If for some reason (injury, etc.) a team that starts with 10 players is left with only 9 eligible players, the spot of the player removed from the lineup and will NOT result in an automatic out
- **High school rules** will be in effect for the following situations:
 - **Substitution (re-entry)** – starters are eligible to re-enter the game in their original spot in the lineup
 - **Intentional walks** – teams simply need to request to the umpire to issue an intentional walk
 - **Sliding** – players must go straight into the bag on force play slides; no malicious contact
 - **Possession** – players must have possession of the ball to block a base/plate.
- **Courtesy runners** – **ONLY** allowed **Anytime** for the pitcher and/or catcher
 - The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the game – does NOT need to be an eligible substitute
 - The same player cannot courtesy run for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning
 - If there are only 9 players in attendance for a game or you are batting everyone in the lineup, the courtesy runner would be the last batted out
- **Pitching Rules**
 - There are no pitch count limitations or days rest requirements in the Philly Select Baseball League



- o Coaches are highly encouraged to follow [USA Baseball's Pitch Smart guidelines](#), and always prioritize the health of the players (as well as other pitching schedules of the players) when making pitching decisions.

- **NOTE: There will be pitching limitations for the league playoffs**

Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he is ineligible to return to that game as a pitcher, **even if he remained in the game at another defensive position.**

- o **Mound visits** – 1 visit per inning, 2nd visit in an inning to the same pitcher must result in a change
 - No limit per game.
- o **Balks** – balks are dead balls; no warnings will be issued
- o **Third to First move** – The third to first move is **NOT legal** in league play.

- **Bat Rules**

- o All bats must be a maximum of -3 between the length and weight of the bat (i.e. 33 inch, 30 oz)
- o All bats must be stamped with the BBCOR label
- o Wood bats are eligible for use in league play, but must adhere to the same standards above
- o Each team is responsible for making sure their team bats are legal – this is NOT the umpire's responsibility
 - In the case where an illegal bat is used, the batter will be declared out and all base runners returned to their original bases at the start of the at-bat. Subsequent use of an illegal bat will result in the same penalty, along with a coach ejection.

- **Suspended Games**

- o If rain/darkness forces the stoppage of a game, the following rules apply:
- o League games are considered official after 4 innings (3 1/2 if the home team is leading)
- o Any game suspended prior to the completion of the 1st inning will be replayed in its entirety
 - If the game is suspended following the first inning, but prior to it becoming an official contest, the game will be resumed from the point of suspension at a later date
- o If an official game is suspended with the score being tied, the game will be called a tie
- o If an official game is suspended mid-inning with no lead changes during the impacted inning, the game will be deemed an official game, with the final score being the score after the last completed inning
- o If an official game is suspended mid-inning with the visiting team taking a lead prior to suspension, the game will be considered suspended and played to completion at a later date
- o If an official game is suspended mid-inning with the home team taking a lead prior to suspension, the game will be considered final, with the final score being the score at the time of suspension

Player/Coach Conduct

- Any player ejection will result in a one-game suspension from Philly Select Baseball League play (regular and postseason). Player ejections should be reported to the league by the offending team within 24 hours of the completion of the contest. The suspension will be served in the next league game.
- Any coach ejections will automatically result in a one-game suspension from league play (regular and postseason). Additional ejections during the season may result in longer suspensions.
- If a particular coach represents themselves in a way detrimental to their team or the league as a whole, the board may review the situation and apply suspensions as deemed necessary.

Conflict Resolution

- As with any competitive situation, conflicts are sure to arise over the course of the season. The Philly Select Baseball League is committed to ruling on all conflicts in a way that (1) is fair to the teams involved and (2) good for the league as a whole